

EXTRACTS
FROM THE
MINUTES OF THE XXX. SESSION
OF THE
SYNOD AND MINISTERIUM
OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
IN THE
STATE OF NEW-YORK,
AND ADJACENT PARTS.



*Convened in St. Peter's Church, Rhinebeck, Dutchess
County, New-York, on September 4th and
succeeding days, A. D. 1825.*

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Saturday, September 3, 1825.

THE Ministers, Candidates, Applicants, and Lay Delegates, were received by the Rev. PRESIDENT at the parsonage, and the usual preparatory arrangements were made for the religious services of the succeeding day.

Sunday, September 4, 1825.

Agreeably to Resolution XVI. of the XXIX. session, the members of the Ministerium assembled, this day, in St. Peter's church, Rhinebeck, and joined, with a numerous congregation, in the solemnities of divine worship.

The Rev. J. P. HECHT, delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, discoursed in the English language, from Luke ix. 52 to 56 inclusive. "*And they went and entered into a village of*

the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples, James and John, saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elias did. But he turned and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

At 12 o'clock, M., the services of the sanctuary were resumed, in the German language, and the Rev. P. W. DOMEIER delivered a sermon from 2d Corinthians, v. 15. *And that he died for all; that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them and rose again."*

In the afternoon, at 3 1-2 hours P. M. the Rev. J. R. GOODMAN addressed the congregation on Acts vii. 22. *"And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds."*



Monday, September 5, 1825.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met for the transaction of business, at 9 A. M., in the church. Introductory prayer by the Rev. PRESIDENT.

The Rev. Mr. HECHT, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church in Easton, Pa., was introduced by the Rev. PRESIDENT, to the Synod, as the delegate from that of Pennsylvania; and agreeably to the provision of section 4, chap. ix. of the constitution,

was received as a member of the Ministerium and Synod, at this session.

The Rev. J. RUDY, pastor of the German Reformed church, in the adjoining town of Red-Hook, appeared, and was invited to a seat with the clergy.

CLERICAL MEMBERS PRESENT.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

1. Rev. F. H. QUITMAN, D. D. President of the Ministerium; Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in *Rhinebeck*, Dutchess county, N. Y.
2. — F. J. G. UHL, Pastor, &c. *Churchtown*, Columbia county, N. Y.
3. — P. F. MAYER, D. D. *St. John's, Philadelphia*.
4. — A. WACKERHAGEN, D. D. *Germantown* and *Livingston*, Columbia county, N. Y.
5. — F. G. MAYER, *Albany*, Albany county, N. Y.
6. — F. W. GEISSENHAINER, "*United German Lutheran Churches*," in the city of New-York.
7. — E. L. HAZELIUS, D. D. Principal of *Hartwick Seminary, Hartwick*, Otsego county, N. Y.
8. — P. W. DOMEIER, *Stone Arabia* and *Johnstown*, Montgomery county, N. Y.
9. — L. MERKEL, *Guilderland* and *Bern*, Albany county, N. Y.
10. — F. C. SCHAEFFER, Secretary to the Ministerium, Pastor, &c. *St. Matthews, New-York City*.
11. — D. HENDRICKS, *Saddle River* and *Ramapough*, Bergen county, N. Jersey.
12. — G. A. LINTNER, Treasurer of the Ministerium, Pastor, &c. *Schoharie* and *Kobleskill*, Schoharie county, N. Y.

13. — J. R. GOODMAN, *Brunswick, Sandlake, and Schaghticoke*, Rensselaer county, N. Y.
14. — G. B. MILLER, *Canajoharie*, Montgomery county, N. Y.
15. — A. CROWNCE, *Sharon and Durlach*, Schoharie county, N. Y.

CANDIDATES.

16. — JACOB SENDERLING, *Cicero*, Onondaga county, N. Y.
17. — PERRY G. COLE, *Summit*, Schoharie county, and *Davenport*, Delaware county, N. Y.
18. — J. P. GOERTNER, Agent of the Missionary Committee for the last Synodical year.
19. — C. B. WESSELS, *New-York City*.

LAITY.

DELEGATES.

20. Mr. JOHN ELSHEFFER, representing the congregation in *Rhinebeck*.
21. — ADAM PULTZ, *Churchtown*.
22. — JACOB LESHER, *Germantown and Livingston*.
23. — FRANCIS J. BRADT, *Albany*.
24. — GEORGE LEDERMAN, *United German Lutheran Churches*, N. Y.
25. — CLARK DAVISON, *Hartwick*.
26. — MATTHIAS WARNER, *Bern*.
27. — ROGER WILLIAMS, *St. Matthews*, N. Y.
28. — A. WAURAMALSAR, *Saddle River and Ramapough*.
29. — H. BOUCK, *Schoharie and Kobleskill*.
30. — D. SIMMONS, *Brunswick, Sandlake, and Schaghticoke*.

31. — ABRAHAM KNISKERN, *Sharon and Durlach.*
 32. — SAMUEL KEAR, *Summit and Davenport.*

COMMISSIONERS.

33. — JONATHAN TRAVER, *Ghent.*
 34. — AZOR TABER, *Guilderland.*

CLERICAL MEMBERS ABSENT.

1. Rev. H. MÖLLER, *Hartwick.*
 2. — W. STARMAN, *Waldaborough, Me.*
 3. — J. BACHMAN, *Charleston, S. C.*
 4. — H. N. POHLMAN, *New Germantown, German Valley, and Spruce River, N. Jersey.*

The following congregations were not represented at this session:

Stone Arabia and Johnstown, N. Y.
 Charleston, S. C.
 New Germantown, &c. N. J.
 Fredericksburg and Ernest-town, U. Canada.

The Delegates exhibited the certificates of their appointments; among which, were the nominations of distinct Deputies from the congregations in Guilderland and Bern, both of which are under the pastoral care of the Rev. L. MERKEL. The 2d section of chapter VII. of the Constitution, although allowing each congregation which is collegiate with others the privilege of sending a Delegate, yet admits but one representative from among them as entitled to vote. As both claimed this right, after a full expression of opinion, it was

I. RESOLVED,

That the Delegate from Bern be recognized; and that AZER TABER be admitted as Commissioner, from the congregation in Guilderland.

The Rev. PRESIDENT having announced that the constitutional term of the offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, had expired, repeated the purpose expressed by him at the last session of the Synod, to decline a re-election and solicit a relief from the responsible duties of his station, with the discharging of which, the friendship and generous partialities of his brethren had so frequently entrusted him. To this measure, he renewed his assurances, that the weight of increasing years alone admonished him; in the doing of which, however, no lessening of affection and of warm interest for those with whom he had been so long, and with much happiness, associated in the common cause of extending a Saviour's kingdom, would result.

The Rev. Messieurs F. G. MAYER and MILLER having been appointed Tellers, the election was then held; on the closing of which, it appeared that

Rev. Dr. WACKERHAGEN	was duly elected	<i>President,</i>
—— J. R. GOODMAN,		<i>Secretary,</i>
—— F. W. GEISSENHAINER,		<i>Treasurer.</i>

On motion of Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, seconded by Rev. Mr. GEISSENHAINER, it was unanimously

II. RESOLVED,

That from a sense of respect and gratitude, the Rev. Dr. QUITMAN, in consequence of his faithful

services as President of this body, be declared SENIOR of the Ministerium.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Resolutions were passed, severally excusing the non-attendance of Rev. Messieurs MÖLLER, STAR-MAN, and POHLMAN.

Rev. Mr. SHELTON, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Livingston, and Rev. Mr. KITTLE, of the Dutch Reformed Church, in Upper Red Hook, appeared, and were introduced by the Rev. Senior to the Synod.

The Rev. SENIOR gave a detailed account of the subjects to which his attention, as the late President of the Ministerium, had been drawn, since the last session.

Various communications were submitted to the Synod; and those coming within the province of the Ministerium, as exclusively ecclesiastical, having been announced, the House proceeded to consider and dispose of them.

Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS renewed the notice, given at the last session of the Synod, in relation to the establishment of a fund, for the relief of aged and infirm clergymen, &c. which, owing to his departure before the adjournment, had not been acted upon.

Rev. Mr. HECHT laid on the table, for distribution among the members, twenty printed copies of the Minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, held in May and June last, in Reading, Pa.

Rev. Mr. SCHÆFFER likewise delivered eleven copies of the proceedings of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia, held in October, 1824; along with the published minutes of the formation, &c. of a Synod in South Carolina.

REPORT II.

Rev. F. G. MAYER reported that, in obedience to the directions given at the last session of the Synod, he had visited the congregation in Guilderland, for the purposes expressed in the Resolution for his appointment; but he regretted that "his endeavours for the promotion of Christian love and charity," had been unsuccessful.

Whereupon it was

IV. RESOLVED,

That the report be accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The annual parochial reports of the number of Baptisms, Confirmations, &c. since the last meeting of the Synod, were then made by the respective Pastors of congregations, and are as follows:

PAROCHIAL RETURNS.

PASTORS, &c.	Baptized.	Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deaths.	REMARKS.
Rev. F. J. G. Uhl,	105		83		Autumnal Communion, 1824 Christmas Day, 1824 Good Friday, 1825 Whitsunday, 1825
Dr. Mayer,	87	19	105 144 177 115		
Dr. Wackerhagen,	162	8	125	20	
Dr. Hazelius,	5		40		
Mr. Geissenhainer,	40	14	177	38	Autumn of 1824 Spring 1825
Mr. Domeier,	110	18	225	13	
Mr. Hendricks,	30	10	143	19	
Mr. Lintner,	132	26	260		
Mr. Goodman,	75	20	192 } 208 }		
Mr. Crownce,	45	6	120	13	
Mr. Cole,	32	26	100	15	
Mr. Senderling,	26		22		
Mr. Goertner,					
In Le Ray, N. Y. . . .	7		22		
Fredericksburg, U. C. . .	2				
	858	147	2258	129	

NOTE.—No returns were received from the congregations in Rhinebeck, Wirttemberg, Ghent, Athens, St. Matthews, N. Y. Guilderland, Bern, Albany, Canajoharie, Warren, Danube, Columbia, and Minden, in this state; from New-Germantown, German-Valley, and Spruce-Run, in New-Jersey; from those in Maine; nor from Ernest-Town, Fredericksburg, and others, in Upper-Canada.

REPORT III.

The late Treasurer submitted his annual report on the state of the funds; which, on motion of Rev. Dr. MAYER, seconded by Rev. F. G. MAYER, was referred, with his accounts, to Rev. D. HENDRICKS, the Secretary, and D. SIMMONS, Esq.

To this Committee, the bills presented against the Synod were likewise referred, for examination and report.

Rev. Dr. MAYER, appointed a delegate from this body, at its last session, to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania,

REPORT IV.

Reported, that he had attended the meeting of the Synod convened in Reading on the 29th of May last; that his reception was affectionate and fraternal; and that an earnest solicitude was manifested to maintain and promote a friendly intercourse with this Ministerium.

Which report, on motion made and seconded, was unanimously received.

On motion, the Synod adjourned to two and a half hours P. M. of this day.

Prayer by Rev. President.

Monday, Sept. 5,—2 1-2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. G. MAYER.

The resolution offered by Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, was called up by him for consideration. After a general expression of sentiment, and mutual interchange of various suggestions, it was unanimously

VI. RESOLVED,

That a Committee be appointed to devise and report at the next meeting of the Synod, a plan for the establishing of a fund for the relief of aged and infirm clergymen of this church, their widows and orphan children.

Whereupon, Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, Rev. Messrs. GEISSENHAINER and F. G. MAYER, and Messrs. BRADT and SIMMONS, were appointed the Committee.

Rev. Mr. GEISSENHAINER, as Chairman of the Library Committee, appointed to purchase books for the Theological department of Hartwick Seminary, made report—

REPORT V.

That the balance remaining in the hands of the Committee is \$25 89: that other valuable books have been ordered from Europe, the actual cost and charges of which, could not be ascertained before their receipt; and concluded with the request,

that the Committee might be directed by the Synod in the disposition of the amount in their possession.

On motion of Rev. Mr. LINTNER, seconded by Rev. F. G. MAYER,

VII. RESOLVED,

That the Library Committee be continued for the current year; and that the balance, as reported, be at their disposal, in aid of the purposes for which the original grant was made.

On motion of the SECRETARY, seconded by Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER,

IX. RESOLVED,

That a Delegate be appointed to represent this body in the next session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the state of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon, the Rev. Mr. SCHAEFFER was appointed; and in case of his being prevented from proceeding thereto, the Rev. Mr. LINTNER was directed to supply the vacancy.

On motion of Rev. Mr. LINTNER, seconded by Rev. Dr. MAYER,

X. RESOLVED,

That the number of copies of the published proceedings of this body, to be forwarded to the Secretaries of the undernamed Synods, be apportioned in the following manner, viz:

To the Eastern Synod of Pennsylvania,	50 copies.
“ Western “ “	15 “
“ Synod of North Carolina,	10 “
“ “ Maryland and Virginia,	10 “
“ “ Ohio,	10 “
“ “ South Carolina,	10 “

REPORT VI.

The annual report of the Standing Committee on the state, &c. of Hartwick Seminary, was read by the Chairman, Rev. Mr. LINTNER.—(Vide Note A.)

On motion of Rev. Dr. MAYER, seconded by Rev. Mr. GEISSENHAINER,

XI. RESOLVED,

That the report of the Committee be accepted.

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously

XII. RESOLVED,

That the Rev. Messrs. LINTNER and SCHEFFER, and Mr. H. F. Cox, be continued a Committee for the current year, for the purposes defined in Resolution XIV. of the 27th Synod, convened in Schoharie.

On motion of the SECRETARY, seconded by Rev. Mr. LINTNER,

Adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Concluding prayer by Rev. Dr. MAYER.

Tuesday, Sept. 6,—9 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. W. GEISSENHAINER.

The Chairman of the Auditing Committee on the late Treasurer's accounts, reported—

REPORT VIII.

That they had examined his books and vouchers, and found the balances in his hands of \$533 02 Synodical monies, and \$18 73 belonging to the Missionary funds, correctly stated. They further reported, that bills amounting to \$127 99 had been duly passed.

On motion,

XIII. RESOLVED,

That the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted; and that the Treasurer be authorised to discharge the several amounts of the bills presented against the Synod.

REPORT IX.

Rev. F. C. SCHÆFFER, as Chairman of the Committee on *Vacant Congregations* and *Missionary Concerns*, made report.—(Vide Note B.)

On motion of Rev. Mr. LINTNER, seconded by Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS,

XIV. RESOLVED,

That the thanks of the Synod be presented to the Missionary Committee and the agent thereof, for the zeal evinced in furthering the objects of their appointments.

On motion,

XV. RESOLVED,

That the Rev. Messieurs SCHAEFFER, UHL, and GOODMAN, and Messrs. BOUCK and COX, be continued a Committee on *Vacant Congregations* and *Missionary Concerns*, until the next meeting of the Synod.

The following contributions were made to the Missionary and Synodical funds, by the respective undernamed congregations and individuals:

	Missionary.	Synodical.
By the congregation of St. Peter's, Rhinebeck, - - - - -	\$00 00	\$2 50
— St. Paul's, Wirtemberg, - - - - -	00 00	2 00
— Churchtown, - - - - -	10 00	3 00
— Rev. Dr. Mayer, - - - - -	3 00	5 00
— Rev. F. G. Mayer, - - - - -	2 00	0 00
— Albany, - - - - -	2 00	5 00
— Germantown and Livingston, - - - - -	00 00	2 00
— United German Lutheran Churches, - - - - -	5 00	5 00
— Stone Arabia and Johnstown, - - - - -	00 00	2 00
— Bern, - - - - -	00 00	6 00
— Hartwick, - - - - -	9 00	2 00
— Rev. H. Möeller, - - - - -	2 00	0 00
— Schoharie, Kobleskill, and Middle-berg, - - - - -	25 00	3 00
— Brunswick and Sandlake, - - - - -	10 00	5 00
— Canajoharie, - - - - -	6 00	0 00
— Sharon and Durlach, - - - - -	2 00	2 00

		Missionary.	Synodical.
Summit and Davenport,	- -	\$04 50	\$1 50
Saddle River and Ramapough,	-	00 00	3 00
Rev. Mr. Guenther,	- -	2 00	0 00
Mr. Charles Smith,	- -	2 00	0 00
Rev. Mr. Gœertner, on account of collections made for this purpose,	-	10 00	0 00

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS stated, that after his return from the Synod, and during the present annual vacation in Hartwick Seminary, he purposed, by the Divine permission, to make a missionary tour through the Western parts of this State; in many places of which, he had received assurances of the residence of numbers of the Lutheran communion; and that his attention would extend to Royalstown, in Niagara, and to Dansville, Steuben county.

On motion, it was unanimously

XVI. RESOLVED,

That the thanks of this Synod be offered, through the Rev. SENIOR, to the vestry and congregation of St. Peter's Church, in this place, for their kind reception and hospitable entertainment of the members and others composing this body.

The attention of the members having been directed to the place of meeting, for the next annual session of the Ministerium, the Rev. Mr. LINTNER offered an invitation to the Synod to meet within the bounds of the congregation under his charge in Kobleskill.

It was, therefore,

XVII. RESOLVED,

That when this Synod adjourns, it adjourn to meet in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in *Kobleskill*, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. LINTNER.

On motion, the Synod

XVIII. RESOLVED,

That the members now attend divine service; and that this body stand adjourned to the 5th day of September, A. D. 1826.

The Rev. PRESIDENT, having expressed his wishes for the safe return of the members to their homes, under the favour and protection of Divine Providence, declared the Synod adjourned.

Closing prayer by the Rev. PRESIDENT.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.



Monday Evening, Sept. 5,—5 o'clock.

AFTER the meeting had been organized, it appeared that all the Clerical members of the Synod, (with the exception of the Rev. Senior, who had retired through indisposition,) and the applicants for licence, were present.

The following communications were then received; accompanied with the necessary explanatory information on the part of the gentlemen presenting them.

I. Representation and memorial from the vestries of the collegiate congregations in Fredericksburg and Ernest-town, in the Province of Upper Canada, soliciting the attention of the Ministerium to their destitute condition, and praying for the location of a minister from this body among them.

II. Communication from the afore-named bodies, declaring the general satisfaction of the congregations with the late temporary services of Mr. John D. Lawyer, a student of Divinity, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Lintner, and their united wishes that he may be licensed with a designation to their churches.

The Rev. Mr. Lintner gave notice of the intention of Mr. Lawyer to present himself for examina-

tion and license to the President, on an early day within the recess of the Ministerium.

III. A letter from the church councils of the united congregations in Summit, Schoharie county, and Milford, Otsego county; in which they express their gratification at the official deportment of the reverend candidate, Perry G. Cole, since his engagement among them, and requesting his ordination as Pastor.

IV. A petition from the associated churches in Warren and Danube, in the county of Herkimer, asking for the renewal of Mr. F. H. Guenther's license, provisionally granted by the Rev. President in the recess of the Ministerium, and stating their approbation of his ministerial conduct and labors, since the resumption of his services among them.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Lintner, seconded by Rev. Mr. Geissenhainer,

Resolved, That Francis H. Guenther be licensed as a candidate for the Christian ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, until the next annual meeting of this Ministerium.

The Rev. Principal of Hartwick Seminary, stated that Mr. Philip Wieting, a student of Divinity from that institution, presented himself for examination and license.

Rev. Mr. Geissenhainer also laid before the Ministerium, the name of Mr. William J Eyer, of Pennsylvania, who had been under his direction and instruction in the different branches of a Theological education.

The Rev. President and Secretary, at the same time, proposed Mr. Jacob Berger, formerly a student in Hartwick Seminary, but who lately prosecuted his Divinity studies under the inspection of the Rev. Senior, as an applicant for license.

The applicants having withdrawn, due representations and testimonials of their piety, and moral and literary characters, were offered.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Senior, Rev. Dr. Mayer, Rev. Messrs. Hecht, Geissenhainer, and Schæffer, be a Committee of Examination on the above applications, and that they report the result thereof at the adjourned meeting of the Ministerium, on to-morrow morning.

On motion,

The Ministerium adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.



ADJOURNED MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Tuesday, Sept, 6,—8 o'clock, A. M.

Opening prayer by the Secretary.

Rev. Dr. Mayer, in behalf of the Committee appointed to examine the gentlemen who had presented themselves as applicants for license at the session of last evening, made

REPORT:

That, after an examination of the students, Jacob Berger, Philip Wieting, and William John Eyer, upon the most important parts of Divinity, Church History, and the Exposition of the New Testament in the Greek language, the Committee were considerably gratified with the abilities and attainments of those gentlemen, in consequence of which, they offered the following resolution:

“Resolved, That Jacob Berger, Philip Wieting, and William John Eyer, be admitted as candidates, and as such receive the usual license.”

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the report and accompanying resolution be accepted.

The Rev. Dr. Hazelius having proposed for ordination as Pastor, the Rev. Jacob Senderling, a candidate licensed at the last meeting of the Ministerium, and at present officiating in the congregation at Cicero, Onondaga county; and the letter marked III. having been called up and considered,

On motion made and seconded, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the candidates, Rev. Jacob Senderling and Perry G. Cole, be ordained to the work of the Holy Ministry on this day, after the approaching session of the Synod shall have terminated.

The Rev. Messrs. Goertner and Wessels, respectively, delivered their licenses to the Ministerium, the term for which they were granted having expired;—when,

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the licenses of Messrs. Goertner and Wessels be renewed; to remain in full force and effect, until the next meeting of the Ministerium.

On motion,

The Ministerium adjourned to meet in Synod.

Concluding prayer by Rev. Mr. Lintner.



ORDINATION

AND LICENSING OF CANDIDATES.

At half past 12 o'clock, M. a numerous and attentive congregation had assembled, according to previous notice, to witness and participate by their prayers, in the interesting ceremonies, which marked this solemn occasion.

After the introductory service of singing a Hymn, and the devotional exercises of prayer and ascriptions of praise to the throne of Divine Mercy, the Rev. Dr. Hazelius delivered the Ordination Sermon from Matthew vii. 21: *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord! Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father, which is in Heaven.*

The three applicants for license were then addressed in an earnest and solemn manner by the Rev. President, and having received their individual promises of faithfulness to the Holy Scriptures, &c. he gave them the right hand of Christian fellowship and love; after imploring the favor and assistance of the Supreme Dispenser of Light and Grace.

The candidates for ordination having presented themselves to the Rev. Senior, were affectionately charged by him to Evangelical zeal and activity; and having given to the Rev. President the solemn pledges prescribed by the Constitution of the Ministerium, they were set apart and ordained as Ministers of the Gospel of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, by the *Imposition of Hands and Prayer* from the Rev. President, assisted by the Rev. Senior and the elder brethren of the Ministerium.

The Holy Sacrament of the Supper of our Lord was then celebrated by the Ministers and candidates,—the brethren united in singing a Hymn,—and the Rev. Senior, after an affectionate address to the congregation, pronounced the BENEDICTION.



I certify, that the above extracts have been truly made from the recorded minutes of the XXX. session of the Synod and Ministerium of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the State of New York, &c.

J. R. GOODMAN, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.



NOTE A.

HARTWICK SEMINARY.

THIS Theological foundation was endowed by the late Rev. J. Hartwick, who directed an important charity to this channel of piety and Christian benevolence, as one for which the language of the bequest, which almost approaches to the ardency of enthusiasm, evidences that his best wishes and last prayers were offered. Owing, however, to causes which can with difficulty be explained, and which in no instance, it is feared, will admit of an apology, the benevolent purpose of the reverend donor was delayed in its immediate and contemplated effects ; and a long period of time succeeding the date of the grant, was marked by a listlessness to the object for which it was made, the more to be regretted, because the state of the Church called for the direct enjoyment of its anticipated advantages. Notwithstanding the zealous and untiring efforts of the venerable and lamented Dr. KUNZIE, the former Senior of this Ministerium, and one of the Curators named in the endowment, in conjunction with those of his brethren in the ministry, the original fund was materially lessened ; and the sensibilities of the communion were excited to a trembling apprehension that it would eventually be found inadequate to the objects for which it had been bestowed.

Through the active exertions of Rev. Dr. QUITMAN and the late Rev. A. T. BRAUN, the remnant of a large landed estate in Otsego county, was finally secured ; and about ten years since, a charter of incorporation was granted by the Regents of the University of the state. The institution was commenced under circumstances that indeed might have alarmed the best hopes of its friends, but which, from their very intrinsic difficulties, appeared to animate to additional efforts. Through the Divine favor, these

efforts were blessed in its absolute establishment, and according to the several reports of the Committee, it is about to realize the most enlarged wishes that were formed for its success.

The Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS, who was, on its first opening, appointed Principal of the Seminary, still occupies a station, the duties of which, though multiplying, he has faithfully fulfilled.—As Professor of Systematic Divinity, Oriental Literature, and Ecclesiastical History, he has met the varied calls upon his attention; and as director of the Academical department, with the aid of an assistant, he has afforded unqualified satisfaction, and extensively advanced its present prosperity.

The Seminary is divided into the departments of Theological and Academical. In the first, in accordance with the design of the reverend founder, pious young men are gratuitously prepared for the Gospel Ministry, by the prosecution of those studies which have a direct approach to the literary qualifications of this sacred profession. In addition to the familiar exegetical lectures of the Rev. Principal, an extensive library, to which liberal contributions have been made by the Synod and members of the communion, is open for the reference and use of the students; and frequent opportunities are afforded in the Chapel of the Academy and neighbouring Churches, to fit and prepare them for the discharging of pastoral and parochial functions.

In the Academical department, those branches are taught which either form the constitution of an English education, and which include courses of Mathematics, Ancient and Modern History and Geography, Polite Literature, &c., or the more advanced studies, which are usually termed Classical. Young gentlemen in this division, are grounded in the knowledge and spirit of the standard authors of antiquity; and whether the branches of learning and science, to which they apply their attention, are designed as preparative for an entrance into the Universities on this continent, or as completing a liberal education, the Rev. Principal has furnished happy evidences of competency to render either of these purposes effectual.

By a statute of the state, all Colleges and Academies are subject to the supervision of the Regents of the University, as they all receive an annual apportionment from the liberal appropria-

tions for literary objects provided by the Legislature. Besides this executive superintendence, however, the immediate control of the institution and its affairs is vested in a Corporation or Board of Trustees, a majority of whom are members of the Communion, for whose benefit it was endowed.

The principal, which is solely devoted to the purpose of the reverend donor, notwithstanding its enormous depreciation, through the causes above alluded to, and which remains after the cost of building a substantial edifice, is about \$15,000, and to the receipts from the Academical department, amounting for the last years to the medium sum of \$450 per annum, are to be added the yearly appropriations by the Regents, which may be stated at a minimum rate of \$150.

The Committee, in their report for the last year, after expressing their gratification in the benefits which the institution has already procured, and noticing the appointment of an assistant to the Rev. Principal, and the provision made for an adequate salary, conclude that, "from the favorable circumstances of its present condition, they have no doubt that the Seminary will continue to flourish and afford every inducement for the public patronage and support."



NOTE B.

MISSIONARY REPORT.

The Report, after alluding to the directions given by the Chairman to the Rev. J. P. GÆRTNER, who had accepted the appointment of *Missionary and Agent for the Committee*,—to the designation of particular fields for missionary operations,—and to the disadvantages which he was called to encounter on the commencement of his labours, refers to the language of his communication, from which the following analysis has been made.

Within a short time, subsequent to the last session of the Synod, the Missionary entered upon the discharge of his duties, and his

attention was first directed to *Hackensack*, N. J. In this place, a number of years since, a Lutheran congregation existed, which is now dispersed, and their church is in ruins. Measures have been resolved upon to erect a building for public worship on the foundation of the former temple, and exertions are duly making by these people for the support of the Gospel, the re-establishment of their Church, and the employment of a Lutheran Minister. They have been visited occasionally by the Rev. Messrs. SCHÆFFER, POHLMAN, and WESSELS, and strengthened in their good purpose; and the situation is recommended to the Committee as one inviting missionary exertions.

He next proceeded to *Ghent*,* in Columbia county, N. Y. in which there is a Lutheran congregation, ready and willing to encourage the preaching of the Gospel, and only waiting for an opportunity to give an invitation to some suitable Minister of the Church. His pleasure is expressed at the attention given to their spiritual interests, and he believes an opportunity is afforded for extensive usefulness. In connection with his remarks, as to this congregation, a reference is had to the condition of that in Athens,† which, by a legislative grant, has transferred an annual income to a sister church; whereby it has materially suffered, and been left destitute of the means of supporting a minister of their communion. With some assistance from the Missionary Fund, he thinks these people might be animated to renewed efforts and their church and congregation preserved.

The attention of the Committee is next directed to GEISSENBERG, in *Minden*, Montgomery County, N. Y. where there is a congregation which was formerly under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. DOMEIER, but which since his resignation, has been without a regular minister. They have been visited at stated times by Rev. Dr. HAZELIUS and Rev. Mr. LINTNER, and although discourses in the German language are the more acceptable, from the circumstances of their Church being located in the midst of a German

* This congregation has engaged the ministerial services of the Rev. Mr. BERGER, a candidate licensed at the present session of the Ministerium.

† Arrangements have been successfully made, by which a portion of the revenue of Athens' church has lately reverted to the congregation, and the Rev. Dr. WACKERHAGEN, on the request of the Rev. SENIOR, has engaged his occasional services among them.

population, and the support, until within a few years, of German schools, yet no decided aversion is evidenced against English preaching, and on all occasions the Church is well filled. This place presents an extensive field for usefulness ; and as it is but little distracted by sectarian innovations, having a large and convenient Church, and free from the embarrassments attending the formation of new congregations, the labours of an industrious and conscientious minister would be blessed, and the kingdom of the Redeemer extended.

Notice is then taken of a small congregation in the town of *Danube*, Herkimer County, which for some time struggled for existence against a variety of difficulties, and at present, in common with *GEISSENBERG*, labours under an evil, destructive of its spiritual welfare, as well as of its temporal prosperity, by their connexion with an imposter named *JOERGENS*, who by his duplicity has unfortunately insinuated himself into the favor of the people.

The Missionary then proceeded through *Little Falls* and *Schuyler*, where there are small Lutheran Societies, to *Lowville*, in *Lewis* County. Near to the village, a German settlement was found entirely destitute of the preaching of the Gospel, and anxious to have the *word of life* dispensed to them by a minister of our Church. In connexion with a few members in and about the village, these people have made an attempt to form a society and call a minister, and the individual of their choice* will present himself to the Ministerium for examination and license, and probably serve them and a newly formed congregation in *Le Ray*, *Jefferson* County.

In the town of *Le Ray* much gratification was felt at the encouraging prospects presented to the well-wishers of our Church. In 1824, this district of country was visited by Rev. Dr. *HAZELIUS*, when a congregation was duly organized, and preserved by means of *lay-reading*. Resisting the encroachments of interested agents of other Churches, by a strict union among themselves, they effectually promoted their temporal, and it is hoped, their spiritual welfare. The Missionary preached here a number of times, and on his departure administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Great interest was evidenced, not only by the people in *Le Ray*,

* Rev. Mr. *WIETING*, licensed at the present Session, and who has taken these congregations under his pastoral care.

but in the adjoining towns ; and the cheering opinion is expressed, that a Missionary located there and in *Pamelia* for some months, might produce permanent and extensive results.

From *Le Ray*, he proceeded to *Canada*, and found the Evangelical Lutheran congregations, situated between eighteen and twenty-four miles from *Kingston*, U. C. in a melancholy condition. They had been successively under the charge of Messrs. *Wigant*, *Myers*, and *McCarty*, who left unfavorable impressions upon the minds of the people, and the tendency of whose conduct, added to the length of time which these congregations were destitute of the preached word, had allowed but little expectation of fruitful results. During the time he continued among them, however, he preached as often as practicable, and visited the families of those who once were members. Every thing soon wore an encouraging aspect : they resolved once more to make an effort to revive a spirit of order and piety in their congregations ; and on leaving them, he was charged with a message to the Synod* requesting a Pastor. Arrangements have been made which, it is hoped, will produce good and lasting effects upon the spiritual interests of these brethren in *Canada*.†

He next descended the *St. Lawrence* to *Williamsburg*, in *Dundas* County, a district of country inhabited by emigrants from the United States, principally German, and in which several Lutheran congregations formerly flourished. They have, however, dwindled to remnants, since the desertion of their former Pastors, who joined the Established Church. Yet there are still many Lutherans anxious for the preached Gospel ; and not only Lutherans, but all with whom the agent conversed were willing to encourage a minister, should he visit them. A letter has been received, since the Missionary's return, praying for a clergyman, though he should visit them for a short time only. Here, as well as in *Addington* County, there is a great opportunity for usefulness, and by the profitable employment of a Missionary, the interests of the Church would be materially promoted.

Besides these places, he visited others, and among them, *Montgomery*, Orange county, N. Y. *Schuyler*, *Herkimer* county,

* Vide Communication marked 1, page 21.

† Notice given by Rev. Mr. LINTNER, in relation to Mr. LAWYER, same page.

Watertown, Sackett's Harbor, Philadelphia, Antwerp, Cape Vincent and Ogdensburg, in Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties. The report adds, that in the Western parts of New-York, there are many and large settlements of Lutherans, all anxious for the ministration of the Word and Ordinances, and claiming the serious attention of the Committee.

With this Synopsis of the report of the Missionary, we conclude in the language of that made by the Chairman of the Missionary Committee. "The Committee would again most respectfully urge the members of the Synod and the friends of our Church, to give their best aid toward carrying into effect the plan of supplying our needy brethren, with the things that never perish—a plan which now most forcibly commends itself by the facts which must convince all, that it has been tested, is feasible, fraught with utility, and claims the warmest approbation, and most active sanction of all who love the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and whose hearts beat high for the prosperity of our Lord's kingdom."

ADDENDA

TABULAR EXPOSE

Of the state of the Church, &c. according to Reports made to the different Synods during the present year.

SYNODS.	Ordained Clergymen.	Licentiates.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Communi- cants.	Congregations, exclusive of those that are vacant.	Congregation- al Schools.
Pennsylvania, . . .	58	20	6,324	2,867	26,884	235	225
New-York, . . .	21	6	858	147	2,258	31	
North-Carolina, . . .	7	3	432	209	1,147	27	
Ohio, . . .	14	7	1,353	516	5,229		51
Maryland and Virginia, . . .	22	3	1,751	830	5,696	75	25
South-Carolina, . . .	10		305	117	1,296	24	
	132	39	11,023	4,686	42,510	392	301

LIST OF OFFICERS

Of the several Synods and Ministeria, with their residences, &c.

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Rev. Dr. MUHLENBERG, *President*, Reading, Berks county, Pennsylvania.

— JACOB MILLER, *Secretary*, New Hanover, Pa.

— — ERNST, *Treasurer*, Lebanon, Pa.

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— Dr. WACKERHAGEN, *President*, Clermont, Columbia county, N. Y.

— J. R. GOODMAN, *Secretary*, Troy, Rensselaer county.

— F. W. GEISSENHAINER, *Treasurer*, New-York city.

NORTH-CAROLINA.

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— JACOB SHERER, *Secretary*, Guilford county, N. C.

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ERRATUM.—In part of the impression, on page 32, line 13, from top, for *united* read *visited*.